

CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO BE SUNG AROUND COMMUNITY TREE

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its generous title, "and of these three," the apostle has said, "the greatest is charity." And so Richmond has its Christmas tree, and on the morrow wishes its people a merry and peaceful day.

Soldiers to Guard Choristers.

The children and choristers who are to sing during the exercises are requested to be at the tree at 5:45 o'clock, when a way will be cleared for them to take their stand around the tree in the inclosure. They will be guarded by a line of soldiers from the Richmond Grays under command of Major Lawrence T. Price, and a detail from the Richmond Howitzers, and by a detail of Boy Scouts, who will stand just within the ropes and prevent a rush to get inside. The singing will be directed by Professor Walter H. Mercer, chairman of the committee on music. He will furnish choir badges on application in the office of Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, superintendent of city schools. The children are to lead in the singing, and all are especially requested to join in the song. Chairman John Hirschberg, whose active work has been largely responsible for the success of the movement, desires it to be known that the tree belongs to all the people, and that all the people are asked to come and join in the festive scene. "Greens and whites are not forgotten, for the spirit in which the tree was planted embraces all and knows no difference."

No Gifts at Tree.

But there will be no gifts from the tree. Its lighting is to be marked only by a thousand-throated song, by the voicing of one sweetly solemn thought and by the spirit-touch, which makes all the world akin. The gift-making will be done elsewhere, and at another and more appropriate time. The tree will be the emblem of the charity which will reach out and care for all. It is the promise of a better world, the promise of a better life, the promise of a better future. And around it, rooted only beneath a coverlet of stars, the children will sing, and the hearts of heavy hearts, knowing that as they sing, others have been gladdened by their song and that others have been cheered to a fresh attempt along the weary road.

Ample arrangements have been made by the Police and Fire Departments to handle the vast crowd which is expected, and the only word they wish to give out is that there be no rush or unruly pushing. There will be room for all, within the area which has been roped off, to see and hear. Only the children and the choristers will be allowed within the space immediately around the tree. Beyond that is ample room for all who care to come.

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WILL NOT FORCE GEORGE TO QUIT

Trustees of Junior Republic Reply to Demand of State Board.

New York, December 22.—No action looking toward the removal of William R. George from all participation in the affairs of the George Junior Republic will be taken at this time by the trustees of the Freeville, N. Y., institution. This was the reply forwarded by them today to the State Board of Charities regarding the board's action in calling upon them to force Mr. George to sever his official connection with the institution he founded.

The trustees in their communication to the State board asserted that nearly all of the published criticisms of it were due to a misunderstanding of actual conditions.

Regarding the question of removal of George, the trustees pointed out that this had no official connection with the republic since 1908, although he is at present the national director of the National Association of Junior Republics. The trustees set forth that the charges against him are still under investigation by a committee of high standing, and hence "any action of the trustees or any recommendation made by them in this regard is premature. The decision of this eminent jury, which will soon be rendered, would not only be a grave discourtesy, but would be manifestly unfair."

APPOINTED BY CONNOR.

New Marshal and District Attorney Succeed Ousted Republicans.

Raleigh, N. C., December 23.—United States Judge Connor, of the Eastern District of North Carolina, this afternoon appointed Francis D. Winston, former Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina, as district attorney and William T. Dorris United States Marshal for the district, confirmation of their appointments by the President being held up in the Senate. They succeeded District Attorney H. F. Seawell and Marshal Claudius Dockery, Republicans, who were dismissed by the President after having declined to resign.

Dispute Settled Amicably.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, December 23.—The dispute between Count Tolstoy's widow and daughter over the possession of his manuscripts was settled amicably today. Some lines suggested by the daughter. This was, that photographs be made of all the manuscripts and the mother keep one and the daughter the other, while the originals will be deposited in the museum.

CHILD'S HEAD BROKE OUT IN PIMPLES

Or Yellow Blisters, Itched So Could Not Sleep. Head Solid Sore. Every Hair Came Off Head. Used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Head Soon Well.

Wallace, Ala.—"My little girl was six months old when her head broke out in little pimples or yellow blisters that itched so badly she could not sleep. The blisters broke and her head soon became a solid sore. Her hair came out by handfuls; every hair came off her head. I tried several treatments but they failed to give any relief. A friend told me about Cuticura Soap and Ointment and I began using them and they gave relief at once. Her head was soon well and now she has a beautiful head of hair." (Signed) Mrs. Hattie Chavers, Dec. 14, 1912.

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THE HOUSE HAD ITS OPPORTUNITY FOR FIRST DEBATE LAST NIGHT.

The Senate discussed the conference report on currency for a few hours before adjournment. The report was subjected to a bitter attack by Senators Nelson and Bristow.

Their complaints were based chiefly upon the refusal of the Democrats to take them into their confidence while reconciling the differences between the two houses.

When 2:30 o'clock came Vice-President Marshall sharply stopped Chairman Owen in the middle of a sentence, and put the motion on accepting the conference report. That motion prevailed, 43 to 25. Democrats, including Senator Hitchcock, supported the report, and Senators Jones, Morgan, Bristow and Weeks, Republicans, voted with the Democrats.

Bill Sent to House.

The bill was at once sent to the House, which had convened at 2:30 for the purpose of permitting the Speaker to sign the bill. This was done amid Democratic cheers.

The gold pen with which the Speaker signed the bill was given to Representative Sherley of Idaho as a memento. The bill was returned to the Senate while in executive session. The House clerk was admitted within the chamber behind closed doors, promptly. Executive business was suspended for a moment, the bill received and signed by the President, and then rushed by the proper officials to the White House.

Condemn Present Fashions.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Berlin, December 23.—The German Catholic bishops in conference at Fulda today issued a resolution censuring the present fashion for women to "display any sense of modesty." The bishops called upon the Catholic women of Germany to join a crusade against the "impurity of dress, which is a disgraceful aberration."

Unknown Steamer in Trouble.

Norfolk, Va., December 23.—An unknown steamer is ashore half a mile from Little Neck, where it is believed the revenue cutter Onondaga have gone to her assistance. Life-savers have been upon the beach, and the vessel on account of a dense fog.

At a late hour to-night nothing further had been learned regarding the steamer.

Little Island is fifteen miles south of Cape Henry. News that the steamer was ashore reached Norfolk over the Weather Bureau wires.

Nominations for President.

Washington, December 23.—President Wilson has made the following nominations: Second secretaries of embassies: The Netherlands, John R. Swann; Dayton, Va., Charles A. Funkhouser; Rocky Mount, Va., William C. Menefee.

Postmasters: Raleigh, R. S. Montgomery; Smithfield, N. C., A. M. Sanders; Marshall, N. C., John R. Swann; Dayton, Va., Charles A. Funkhouser; Rocky Mount, Va., William C. Menefee.

FEDERALS BEGIN DEVALUATION OF NORTHERN MEXICO

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"Belated." No anxiety was exhibited about the fifty Americans.

The Federals have occupied El Oro, while Parag is occupied by the revolutionaries. The news from Laredo is that the large bridges and the track between that point and Saltillo were destroyed, and that the rebels are making no attempt to repair the property.

The State Department to-day regards only with interest, "without comment," the statement that the Japanese cruiser Izduma has arrived at Manzanillo and that an official Japanese party is proceeding to Mexico City to honor to the dictator.

Similar honor was paid to the dictator by the British admiral, Sir Christopher Cradock.

It was said to-day at the State Department that the administration has nothing new in mind for the New Year with reference to the Mexican situation. No new instructions have gone to Special Envoy John Lind or to Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

Troop Train Dynamited.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Mexico City, December 23.—One hundred and fifty Federal soldiers were killed to-day when a troop-train, conveying a passenger train en route to Tampico, was dynamited by the rebels at Chargas Station, five miles east of San Luis Potosi. None of the passengers was injured, but the rebels have ordered the train to return to San Luis Potosi.

The rebels are reported to have captured a number of Federals, and ammunition with a quantity of arms and ammunit. This has been denied by the government, and the officials of the National Railways have been unable to confirm the latter portion of the report.

Huerta to-day ordered the newspapers La Nacion and La Tribuna to suspend publication until further notice in punishment for publishing articles criticizing the conduct of the army in the present war. Senator Bernal, an attorney and former publisher of the El Dia, who was arrested two days ago on the charge of plotting against the government, was to-day sent to the penal colony at Quintana Roo.

Jorge Huerta, son of the dictator, is expected to be appointed military governor of Aguas Calientes.

Cowdrey Denies Story.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, December 23.—Lord Cowdrey to-night issued a statement denying a report published in New York that he was trying to induce Huerta to resign on January 1 on the condition that England be permitted to name his successor.

It is absurd to say that I am taking any such action in the Mexican situation," said Lord Cowdrey. "Such a proposal never occurred to me, and I am sure I shall never make such a proposal."

O'Shaughnessy at Reception.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Mexico City, December 23.—Attache O'Shaughnessy to-day attended the reception at the palace in honor of President Huerta's Patron Saint's Day, as did nearly all of the foreign diplomats stationed at Mexico City.

The money order department of the post-office was open for business this morning, but at 11:30 o'clock a notice was posted saying that the department would cash any orders and the sole business transacted was the receiving of orders for the government.

All of the banks were open at the usual time, but the Banco de Londres y Mexico was the only one which would cash a check of more than \$50, and the limit at this bank was 200 pesos. The Banco Nacional and the Banco de Mexico refused to accept foreign drafts for amounts larger than \$20.

Americans Ask Protection.

Vera Cruz, December 23.—Americans residing at Paraco have asked the American consul at Tampico for protection, as a force of rebels is near the place. The petition has been turned over to General Zaragoza, who will establish a small garrison.

The National Bank office here was closed for a time to-day. The management declared, after the doors were opened again, that the step was taken for the purpose of making up a balance sheet.

ADDITIONAL PAGES OF LIFE REVEALED

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Letie was summoned to the bedside of a patient, twelve miles from Monticello. When he returned Miss Brance had already faced Couch's widow and daughter.

Woman Tells Story.

Here is Miss Brance's story as she related it to the reporter:

"I was happy in my prison because I loved. I am Adelaide Brance. My family is not to be discussed. Who they are and where they are makes no difference. It is sufficient to say that my father and mother are dead."

"Melvin Couch held me in a spell of love, and I did not rebel. I loved him more than life or liberty. My slavery was sweet; the memory sweeter."

"There were days of agony, but always there arose higher the love that made me love my freedom."

"She (Mrs. Couch) may have been his wife in the eyes of those who do not know the supreme right of love. In his heart he acknowledged but one companion. I held that place in his life."

"Would a wife live in a coop like the one in which I lived? Would she be thus self-sacrificed, would she be a slave? Would she wear the clothes that you now see on me, and care for mine as I care for mine? I will answer for you. No; a thousand times no."

"Go see that little cell I called my home, and look at me." (Would I leave wife do this for any man? Nothing but a heaven-born love would compel a woman to live such self-denial.)

"Love at First Sight."

"When I first saw Melvin Couch fifteen years ago I knew at once that he was the man for whom I had been waiting all these years, and he knew that I was the woman for him."

"Marriage means nothing to me. We lived together and loved together. We first lived with Mr. Couch five years ago. We then occupied rooms in the old Masonic Temple building, which was destroyed by the fire in 1899. Everything I had was destroyed. I was at Cooperstown at the time of the fire. If I had my way I would be buried beside Melvin. I was beside him in life, and there I would be in death."

"Questioned as to the report of a quarrel between Mr. Couch and herself on Saturday night a few hours before his sudden death, Miss Brance said:

"Yes, that's true. I suppose you would call it a quarrel. I wanted to go to Goshen for the holidays, and he objected. I said, 'No, I can't go without you now,' he said, 'no, not for a minute.'"

"I used to sit by the window for hours and



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watch the people in the street. My greatest joy was to see the little children at play. I cannot talk more. I cannot talk about the man except to say that he was strong, masterful and sometimes cruel. But he was kind and good to me, and I loved him. He gave me no money. I never knew him as a sweetheart. When he died all my dreams died with him. When his wife came and she said I grew cold and told her that I was his in love and in the sight of God."